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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 375
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Norma Ford Griffin,
Secondary Instructional Supervisor for the
Memphis City Schools, on being selected as the
Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators
1997 Distinguished Role Model of the Year.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize exemplary
educators, who expertly perform their work with extraordinary diligence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Norma Ford Griffin, who has served admirably as a Secondary Instructional
Supervisor with the Memphis City Schools since July, 1990, is one such outstanding
professional educator; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin is a distinguished graduate of Tennessee State University,
where she majored in English and minored in Sociology and Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, she received her Master of Arts Degree from the University of Memphis in
1968, having majored in Administration and Supervision and minored in Curriculum and
Instruction. Mrs. Griffin has also performed 70 quarter hours above the Master's program at the
University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she was a popular and highly regarded instructor at Booker T. Washington
High School from 1954 to 1976, astutely teaching English (regular and Advanced Placement),
world history, civics and Spanish. She also served with distinction as chairperson of the English
Department and was the producer for the school's annual show, "The Ballet" for several years;

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and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin also served adroitly as English Instructor at LeMoyne-Owen College, with their Upward Bound Program from 1969 to 1972; as an English Instructional Supervisor for the South Area from 1978 to 1986; as Administrative Assistant for East High School from 1976 to 1978, as Administrator of the Systemwide Achievement Team from 1986 to 1989; and as English Instructional Supervisor with the Division of General Education, from 1989 to 1990. She was universally praised for the excellent quality of her work and caring attitude in each of these positions; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize, honor and commend one of our finest educators; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Norma Ford Griffin on receiving the Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators 1997 Distinguished Role Model of the Year Award and commend her outstanding service to the Memphis City School System. We wish her much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.